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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE: BRITISH REACTION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECONMIN, OLIVER WRIGHT (DEPUTY  
UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AND EC AFFAIRS,

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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE) SAID WASHINGTON CONFER-  
ENCE HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. HE CHARACTERIZED SECRET-

TARY'S CHAIRMANSHIP AS SUPERB AND SAID WHOLE DISCUSSION HAD BEEN EXTREMELY FRUITFUL AND REFLECTED VIEWS WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED BEFOREHAND BY COUNTRIES INVITED. HE CHARACTERIZED PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPEECH AS EXCELLENT PRESENTATION OF EUROPEAN-ATLANTIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS OF WORLD ENERGY SITUATION AND SAID SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME AND LORD CARRINGTON HAD ADMIRED IT GREATLY. HE THOUGHT OVERALL EFFECT OF CONFERENCE ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

2. WRIGHT THOUGHT FRENCH OBDURACY STEMMED FROM INTERNAL POLITICAL JOCKEYING FOR SUCCESSION AND SAID FRENCH HAD PERSISTED IN HARD LINE DESPITE "INNUMERABLE LIFELINES" WHICH THEIR PARTNERS HAD THROWN TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPROMISE. HE SAID PROCESS OF ARGUMENT AND FINALLY ISOLATING FRENCH HAD BEEN "PAINFUL" BUT ISSUE OF FRENCH OBDURACY HAD BEEN BREWING A LONG TIME AND HAD HAD TO BE FACED OVER ENERGY QUESTIONS. HE WAS SURE THAT FRENCH WERE CURRENTLY POISONING ALL WELLS IN THE MIDDLE EAST BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN BLOCKING CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT CONFERENCE. HE SAID GERMANS, WITH BOTH SCHEEL AND SCHMIDT PRESENT, HAD STOOD UP FIRMLY TO FRENCH. SINCE FRENCH HAD FORCED GERMANS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN US AND FRANCE, GERMANS HAD "NATURALLY" CHOSEN US. OUTCOME HAD SHOWN THAT EIGHT OF EC NINE BELIEVE THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD LIVE IN COOPERATION WITH US AND HE THOUGHT THIS VERY HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.

3. HE FELT THAT COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTED VERY SENSIBLE INITIATIVE. THINKING OF ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD DEVELOPED IN WEEKS BEFORE CONFERENCE TO WHERE EVERYONE

CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD MAGNITUDE AND COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS. THIS IN ITSELF WAS CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT. BRITISH NOW EXPECTED THAT UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON WOULD BE CONTACTING PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES VERY SOON WITH PROPOSALS AS TO FOLLOW-ON MEETING IN EUROPE. BRITISH FELT TENTATIVELY THAT OECD SECRETARIAT WOULD BE LOGICAL BODY TO SUPPORT FOLLOW-ON AND EXPECTED THAT CHAIRMANSHIP  
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OF MEETINGS SHOULD ROTATE. HOWEVER, THEY WERE WAITING TO

HEAR FROM DONALDSON SOON. RE PARTICIPATION, WRIGHT SAID SIR JACK RAMPTON WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE IN ON FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITY WITH DONALDSON, BUT THIS MIGHT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF CONFLICTS. IN ANY CASE, LEONARD WILLIAMS OF DTI AND JOCK TAYLOR OF FCO WOULD BE THERE.

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